Lewin shares how Purdue retirees are viewed

At PURA’s spring transition luncheon, Luis Lewin, Purdue’s vice president for human resources and ex officio advisor to the PURA Board, addressed the group. This is the transcript of his talk.

When PURA president Bob Bain asked if I would spend a few minutes talking about how Purdue University’s upper administration views its retirees, the first thing that came to my mind was that we view you as a vibrant, robust, engaged and caring community. You are an enabling constituency that plays an integral role in helping us accomplish our mission of educating students and providing them with the foundation to become active and caring citizens in the communities where they will choose to live.

You — unlike retirees from the other Big Ten universities — tend to remain in the local area when you retire, and you maintain close ties with the University, your community, your friends and your families. If you visit the Purdue University Retirement Association’s website, you will immediately see that two-thirds of our 4,000-plus retirees tend to stay in the Greater Lafayette area, and many of those who move to other locations visit often. This is very significant; it speaks of a mutually beneficial relationship between you and the University. It is what I would call “a perfect match.”

What do our retirees do for Purdue?

I believe we have a fairly good sense of what the faculty, students, and staff do (at least most of the time), but what about the retirees? This is a fair question because there are those at our university who do not necessarily have a comprehensive understanding of what you do for Purdue because while you do a lot, you do it without fanfare.

Between 1979 and 1998, you donated more than $17 million to the University. Between 2000 and 2014 — as of March 31 — you donated $64.9 million for a total of $81.9 million. This is so generous! But you don’t just donate to the University. You also donate to the community. From 2002 and 2003, you donated $943,691 to United Way, which has a significant impact in allowing United Way agencies in our local communities to assist those in need. We also know that your generosity extends well beyond our university and the United Way.

Although money is very important, and welcome, and has a huge impact on student affordability, your contributions are more than money. There are many benefactors who donate money, but they stop there. You, on the other hand, are personally engaged in the university and community. It is your wise counsel, your time and energy, your mentorship, your willingness to share your knowledge and skills that make you active participants and major contributors to our success.

You volunteer in the many activities throughout our university. You mentor students. You do guest lecturing in our courses. You advise graduate students, work in campus research labs, edit and publish professional journals, write articles and books — the list goes on and on!

What does Purdue do for our retirees?

It all starts by attracting and retaining talented faculty and staff to continue to enjoy the success we have been able to build over the years. This process is like a constantly swinging pendulum. It is never ending. We are always attracting, recruiting, developing and retaining the
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MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OR PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION PLAN
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2. The plan must cover medical care and prescription drugs.
3. The insurance company must have a good reputation for service.
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WHAT IS MATCHBOX? COME AND SEE ON SEPTEMBER 24!
The Campus and Community Activities Committee has planned a tour at 3:00 p.m. September 24 at this Lafayette facility, which houses interesting people who are starting a new business or want to grow an existing small business. Matchbox is designed for developers, designers, strategists, artisans, writers, makers, and change-makers. Come to the tour and see if your ideas might fit this location. Matchbox is located in the former garage near the corner of Columbia and 6th streets. Two-hour street parking is readily available around the facility.

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3. The insurance company must have a good reputation for service.
4. The plan must cover emergency health care services outside the United States.
5. The plan must cover a market-competitive premium with the lowest possible annual deductible, and with no or very low co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs.
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All Purdue retirees are invited to join former colleagues and friends on Monday, Sept. 8 at the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon at Four Points by Sheraton Purdue President Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. will discuss campus initiatives and events as the featured speaker. The luncheon’s $15 cost is a reduction from the past three years. If you are a new retiree or if you have not previously come to the luncheon, we encourage you to register and join the fun and fellowship.

Doors to the Grand Ballroom will open at 11:30 a.m. Attendees will be eligible to win door prizes donated by local merchants during a drawing that begins at 11:45, and the luncheon will begin at noon.

The Kickoff Luncheon also marks the launch of PURA’s new, exciting “common read” program featuring Purdue University Press books. The first book, which can be purchased at a reduced price immediately after the luncheon and will be discussed later by PURA readers, is “The Deans’ Bible.” “The Deans’ Bible” tells the story of Dorothy C. Stratton, Helen B. Schleman, M. Beverley Stone, Barbara I. Cook, and Betty M. Nelson, five exceptional women who served Purdue from the 1930s to the 1990s. Each was a dean of women or dean of students. All served at times of great change and conflict. The book details their friendship and the passing of the secret Bible, which was originally owned by Carolyn Shoemaker, Purdue’s first part-time dean of women.

The 2014 Purdue University Press publication, written by Purdue alumna Donnie Engle, is available for $13 ($15 cost includes luncheon). A limited supply of copies will be available at the luncheon. The book chronicles the personal stories of Purdue’s deans of women and provides a glimpse into the challenges each faced. Purdue President Mitch E. Daniels Jr. will be the featured speaker. The luncheon is sponsored by PURA’s Board of Directors.

Since his retirement, Don has helped consolidate six economic- and community-development corporations in Tippecanoe County into the Greater Lafayette Commerce business development organization, and served as its inaugural chair of the Board of Directors and interim CEO. He remains active in the Rotary Club, serves on the leadership team for Greater Lafayette’s Read to Succeed, a volunteer literacy teaching organization, as an elder in the Faith Presbyterian Church, and chair of the PURA Benefits Committee. Gentry comes from a long line of farmers who valued education greatly, though they were not always able to attain it. His grandfather never learned to read or write; his father was forced to leave school after the seventh grade to help his father farm during the Depression. Though his father never obtained a college education, Don remembers him always saying, “When you go to college” — or more specifically — “When you go to Purdue.” Don has said that his Purdue education opened doors of opportunities for him throughout his career.

Don and his wife, Carol, have shared many great memories of their time at Purdue, including hosting President Reagan’s visit to campus; flying to the Purdue Airport with Neil Armstrong in a donated United Airlines Boeing 727, serving as ‘Sire’ with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club; watching their three children (and two of their spouses) graduate from Purdue and their youngest son serve as Purdue Pete; attending six bowl games; dining on camel with the Shiek of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates; and participating in 163 Purdue University commencements. Congratulations, Don, on your exceptional success at Purdue and with PURA!
Monthly Luncheon Series 2014

The PURA Program Committee has been hard at work planning another year of interesting speakers for the monthly first Monday luncheons at MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette. To check on upcoming speakers, check the PURA website at www.purdue.edu/retirees.

Recent speakers have included Captain Gary Sparger of the West Lafayette Police Department, who discussed the drug war and its implications to Indiana; Purdue University’s head archivist Sammie Morris, who talked about recent developments with the archives; and Michelle Mayer, outreach services director for Indiana’s Office of the Attorney General, who explained how to prevent becoming a victim of fraud or cyber-crime.

Faith West is open to the public. The ground floor houses a multipurpose gymnasium used for worship services on Sunday, a preschool for 85 children, space for studying and biblical counseling, community meetings, and a full service fitness center and restaurant called Café Literato. Community members may reserve meeting rooms by calling Faith West. There is no fee for use, only a refundable deposit.

The special luncheon event will be held on the north side of Lafayette and a building at 1920 Northwestern Ave. in March. Arvid Olson, director of development for Faith Ministries, said that the self-sufficient, freestanding facility with student housing and various activities was designed to meet community needs according to community input. The resulting $12 million, 95,000-square-foot structure is adjacent to a freestanding facility with student housing for 119 residents. Renting Faith West. There is no fee for use, only a refundable deposit.

The following year in three weeks. Each floor has an RA, or resident assistant, to encourage and help other residents and to lead Bible studies for those interested. Arvid said that some of Faith Ministries’ goals for the next five years include purchasing and renovating distressed homes on the north side of Lafayette and building a residential treatment center for men on a farm near Americus. The men will receive training in agriculture through Ivy Tech. There is currently a treatment center for women on the Faith East campus.

The PURA Members Tour ALEXANDER FIELD

Thirty-six Purdue retirees toured Purdue’s baseball facility, Alexander Field, in May. Dan Mason, game management and sports event coordinator, discussed the $23 million, state-of-the-art construction of the field, grandstand, and other buildings. The field is 408 feet to the center field wall, the same as Chicago’s Wrigley Field. A quick tour of the field shows the full degree of six inches of rainfall, but mowing is needed every day.

The face facility seats 1,600, with 2,500 more seats that can be added to the platforms when needed for events such as the Big Ten or NCAA tournaments. PURA members also toured the game-management room, suites, broadcast booths, and the team’s locker room with a unique wooden ceiling donated by the architect. The team room and the indoor-outdoor hitting facility were also on the tour. Mason shared stories about the construction, the team and some of the players.

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To schedule a screening appointment, contact Cheri Reznick at creasnick@purdue.edu or at 219-314-2230. Testing is not necessary and appointment times vary.

Free wellness screenings and more for Purdue retirees and spouses

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